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SUBSTANCE UTILIZING  
MICROORGANISM

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 11, 2010, which set a 3-month shortened statutory period for response thereto, please reconsider the above-captioned patent application in light of the following remarks and supporting evidence.

The claims are re-printed beginning on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 4.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

*Claims 1-17 are as follows:*